

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to and the rejections of this application in view of the remarks herewith, is respectfully requested, as the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

I. Status of the Claims and Formal Matters

Claims 1, 5-26, 28-32, 38-49 and 51-60 are under examination in this application upon entry of the amendments presented herein. Claims 25, 28, 32, 45 and 58 have been amended and Claim 50 has been cancelled. It is submitted that the claims, herewith and as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Applicant's representative would like to thank Examiner Naff for the courtesies extended during our recent telephone conversation. During a telephone conversation on August 29, 2007, the applicant's representative conferred with Examiner Naff to discuss the above amendments in order to place the claims in proper condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

II. THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 ARE OVERCOME

In the Advisory Action, Claims 25, 28, 32, 38, 45, 50 and 58 remained rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 25, 28 and 58 have been amended to be commensurate in scope with paragraphs [75] and Figure 3 of the application as originally filed. Claims 25 and 45 have also been amended to be commensurate in scope with paragraph [193]. Claim 32 has been amended to be commensurate in scope with paragraph [72]. Claim 50 has been cancelled. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all of the objections have been addressed and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

Request for Interview

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, a further interview with the Examiner and SPE are respectfully requested; and, the Examiner is additionally requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks herewith, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, reconsideration, and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of the application, and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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